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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, PFOR, ET, US

SUBJECT: GENERAL AMAN'S REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE

REF: ADDIS 13109 (NOTAL)

1. NO OBJECTION TO POINTS A AND D PARA 1 AS STATED REFTTEL;
HOWEVER BEFORE DOLS 8.3 CAN BE OBLIGATED, THERE MUST BE
MUTUAL AGREEMENT ON TERMS OF CREDIT AND MILITARY ITEMS TO
BE PURCHASED.

2. REGARDING POINTS B AND C YOU SHOULD NOT MENTION DOLS
11 MILLION FIGURE IF YOU CAN AVOID IT. IF AMAN RAISES IT
YOU SHOULD TELL HIM THAT DOLS 8.3 MILLION REPRESENT OUR
MAXIMUM EFFORT TOWARD GOAL OF DOLS 11 MILLION POSSIBLE
AT PRESENT TIME. WITH DOLS 8.3 FIGURE ETHIOPIA WILL BE RE-
CEIVING FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW ROUGHLY 50 PERCENT OF
THE TOTAL MAP AND FMS CREDIT FUNDS PERMITTED FOR AFRICA.
WHILE IT IS NOT PRECLUDED THAT FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS DURING
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FY 75 MIGHT ALLOW US TO GET CLOSER TO DOLS 11 MILLION FI-

GURE IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO GIVE ANY ASSURANCES OR RAISE ANY HOPES ON THIS SCORE AT THIS TIME GIVEN CONSTRAINT OF THE AFRICA CEILING AND THE FACT THAT CONGRESS HAS NOT YET PASSED FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION FOR FY 75. (FYI - MOREOVER, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IN PROVIDING EVEN THIS DOLS 8.3 MILLION, WE MAY HAVE TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT PROGRAMMED FOR OTHER AFRICAN RECIPIENTS IN ORDER TO STAY WITHIN CEILING. END FYI)

3. IN COORDINATION WITH DOD PLANNED REDUCTION OF MAAG HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FY 1976. IF YOU BELIEVE IT USEFUL YOU MAY CONVEY THIS DECISION TO AMAN AT THIS TIME SPECIFYING THAT IT WAS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST FOR AN INCREASED ADVISORY EFFORT.

4. IF YOU CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE YOU MAY ADD THAT GOE COOPERATION IN PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR MAAG WOULD MAXIMIZE THE AMOUNT OF ADVISORY EFFORT TO BE OBTAINED BY ETHIOPIAN MILITARY FROM MAAG WITHIN ITS PRESENT NUMERICAL COMPLEMENT. WHILE WE REALIZE THAT THIS IS ONLY PARTIALLY RESPONSIVE TO AMAN'S REQUEST IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO HIM THAT WE HAVE MADE THIS EFFORT TO COMPLY WITH HIS REQUEST AS A GESTURE OF OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT FOR ETHIOPIA AND IN THE FACE OF INCREASING PRESSURE TO REDUCE MAAGS WORLDWIDE WHICH IS RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS ELSEWHERE. YOU MAY ALSO USE ARGUMENTS CITED ADDIS ABABA 11137 TO EXPLAIN TO AMAN WHY WE CONSIDER THAT A MORE SUBSTANTIAL RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE EVEN IF ADMINISTRATIVELY FEASIBLE. INGERSOLL

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